### IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA WESTERN DIVISION No. 5:08-CV-517-FL

GEOFFREY H. SIMMONS, JR.,	)	
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Plaintiff,	)	
	)	
v.	)	ORDER
	)	
GEOFFREY H. SIMMONS, SR. and	)	
SIMMONS LAW FIRM,	)	
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Defendants.	)	

On March 6, 2013, this court granted summary judgment to Geoffrey H. Simmons, Jr. ("plaintiff") on his claim for breach of contract, dismissed his remaining claims, and ordered Geoffrey H. Simmons, Sr. and the Simmons Law Firm ("defendants") to pay restitutionary damages in the amount of \$1,400.00 [D.E. 106]. Thereafter, the clerk entered judgment in favor of plaintiff [D.E. 107]. Defendants did not seek post-judgment relief or file an appeal.

On August 12, 2013, the clerk received a letter from plaintiff, indicating that defendants failed to respond to his demand for payment [D.E. 108]. Plaintiff also requested the court's assistance in collecting the restitutionary damages. Plaintiff's request is construed as a motion to enforce judgment. Defendants did not respond, and the matter is ripe for determination. At the direction of the court, plaintiff's motion to enforce judgment has been referred to the undersigned for disposition.

Plaintiff, who is self-represented, filed the motion to enforce judgment because defendants allegedly ignored his demand letter. However, the process to enforce a judgment to collect money damages is through a writ of execution. Under Rule 69(a)(1) of the Federal Rules of Civil

Procedure, "[a] money judgment is enforced by a writ of execution, unless the court directs otherwise. The procedure on execution- and in proceedings supplementary and in aid of judgment or execution-must accord with the procedure of the state where the court is located, but a federal statute governs to the extent that it applies." Fed. R. Civ. P. 69(a)(1). In the absence of an applicable federal statute, North Carolina law governs plaintiff's efforts to collect the judgment. The local civil rules of this court provide that "[a]ll acts and duties pertaining to the seizure of person or property as provided by the State of North Carolina authorized to be done by a judge or clerk of the state may be done in like cases by a judge of this court or the clerk of this court, respectively." Local Civil Rule 64.1.

To proceed with his collection efforts, plaintiff may file with the clerk of this court an application for writ of execution. The writ of execution package is posted on the court's website at http://www.nced.uscourts.gov/forms. The package includes the proposed writ of execution, notice of right to have exemptions designated, and notice to claim exempt property (statutory exemptions). A copy of the writ of execution package is attached to this order. Plaintiff must complete and file the forms in this case and serve defendants pursuant to Rule 5 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

For the reasons stated, the motion to enforce judgment is denied without prejudice [D.E. 108]. Plaintiff may apply for a writ of execution to collect his restitutionary damages from defendants.

SO ORDERED. This 21th day of March 2014.

Julie A. Richards, Clerk of Court

## **ATTACHMENT**

# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA

Plaintiff Address			Case Number:			
VERSUS			EXECUTION  (Rule 69, F.R.Cv.P. and G.1-313(1); GS.1C, Art. 16)			
Defendant Address			Defendant Address			
By the term	INITED STATES MARSHAL ns of a judgment rendered in fa	avor of		owing sums are now due:		
Principal \$ 0	Interest to date	Court Costs		Total:		
	States Marshal's fees (see 28 Upon the principal at the legal rate			Post-Judgment		
Date from which into		Legal rate o		Date Judgment entered on docket:		
You are commanded to satisfy the judgment  By demanding payment from the defendant  Out of the personal property of the defendant, and if sufficient property cannot be found, then out of the real property belonging to the defendant on the day the judgment was entered on the docket of this Court as shown above or any time after that date.  Except as to property set off as exempt (a list of which is attached) out of the personal property of the defendant within your district, and if sufficient personal property cannot be found, then out of real property belonging to the defendant on the day the judgment was docketed in this court as shown above or any time after that date.  Out of the property listed below which is excepted by law from the exemptions:						
Description of	of property excepted from exer	nptions (if appl	icable)			
Additional or	der for satisfying judgment					
		Date Issued: _				
EDNC (12/09)	This writ must be returned within 90 days after the date of issue.	× □	Signature:Clerk, U.S. District Co	ourt		

EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT	File No.			
Name of Plaintiff				
	NOTICE OF RIGHT TO HAVE EXEMPTIONS DESIGNATED			
VERSUS				
Name of Defendant				
	N.C.G.S IC-1603			
то:	TO:			
Name and Address of First Judgment Debtor	Name and Address of Second Judgment Debtor			
A judgement has been entered against you in the case captioned above in which you have been ordered to pay money over turn over various household belongings to the judgment creditor.  The judgment creditor (person who has the judgment against you) is now seeking to collect this judgment and has asked me to give you notice of your rights. Under the Constitution and laws of North Carolina, you have the right to exempt from the collection of the judgment certain of your property (in other words, to keep it from being taken away from you). If you wish to keep your exempt property, you MUST fill out the attached Motion to Claim Exempt Property and mail or take it to the Clerk of Court at the address listed below. You MUST also mail or take a copy to the judgment creditor at his address listed below. The law gives you another option of requesting, in writing, a hearing before the Clerk to claim your exemptions. If you make a written request for a hearing, you will be notified of the time and place of the hearing when you may claim your exemptions.  It is important that you respond to this Notice no later that twenty (20) days after it was served on you because you will lose valuable statutory rights if you do nothing. If you do not respond, you will give up your right to statutory exemptions and the judgment creditor may be able to take any or all of your property to satisfy the judgment. You have certain constitutional rights you may claim if you give up your statutory rights. You may wish to consider hiring an attorney to help you with this proceeding to make certain that you receive all the protections to which you are entitled.				
Name and Address of Judgment Creditor or Attorney	Date			
	Signature  Clerk of Court			
Telephone No:	Address of the Clerk of Court			

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#### NOTICE TO THE JUDGMENT CREDITOR

You may serve this Notice and the Motion to Claim Exempt Property by mailing a copy of each, registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, addressed to the judgment debtor. To prove service, you must file an affidavit (notarized by a notary public) with the Clerk asserting that (1) a copy of the notice of rights and Motion to Claim Exempt Property was deposited in the U.S. Mail for mailing by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested; (2) it was in fact received as evidenced by the attached registry receipt or other evidence of delivery; and (3) the genuine receipt or other evidence of delivery is attached. You must attach the U.S. Mail delivery receipt to the affidavit. Alternatively, service of the motion may be effected by any person who is not a party and who is at least 18 years of age following the procedures set forth in Federal Rules of Civil Procedures 4(e)(2). If your attempted service by certified or registered mail or personal service fails, you may then serve the judgment debtor by mailing a copy of the notice and motion to him at his last known address. To prove service, you must file a certificate with the Clerk that the notice and motion were served, indicating why you used such service, the date the notice was mailed and the address to which it was mailed. Remember, you may NOT use service by regular first class mail until you have tried first to serve the judgment debtor personally or by certified or registered mail and such service was unsuccessful.

## RETURN OF SERVICE I certify that this Notice and a copy of a motion to claim exempt property were received and served as follows: **JUDGMENT DEBTOR 1** Date Served Name of Judgment Debtor × By delivering to the judgment debtor named above a copy of the notice and motion to claim exempt property. By leaving a copy of the notice and motion to claim exempt property at the dwelling house or usual place of abode of the judgment debtor named above with a person of suitable age and discretion then residing therein. Name and Address of Person with Whom Copies Left Other manner of service (specify) JUDGMENT DEBTOR 2 Date Served Name of Judgment Debtor × By delivering to the judgment debtor named above a copy of the notice and motion to claim exempt property. By leaving a copy of the notice and motion to claim exempt property at the dwelling house or usual place of abode of the judgment debtor named above with a person of suitable age and discretion then residing therein. Name and Address of Person with Whom Copies Left Other manner of service (specify) Signed: Person Making Return (Printed)

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EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROI	INA		File No.
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT			
Judgment Creditor (Plaintiff)			
-		NO'	ΓICE TO CLAIM
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	(S'	TATU'	TORY EXEMPTIONS)
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VERSUS			
Judgment Debtor (Defendant)			
			N.C.G.S. 1C -1603(c)
NOTE TO DEBTOR (DEFENDANT): The C	lerk of Court co	annot fill o	ut this form for you. If you need
assistance, you should talk with an attorney.	iern of court ce		u mis jorm jor you. 17 you need
assistance, you should talk with an altorney.		<del></del>	
I, the undersigned, move to set aside the proper	ty claimed below	w as exemp	ot.
1. I am a citizen and resident of			
and was born on	·		
2. I am married to			
☐ I am not married.			
3. My current address is			
4. The following persons live in my househo	old and are depe	endent on r	ne for support:
Name(s) of Person(s) Dependent on Mo		1ge	Relationship
Transciss by Lerdon (b) Department on the		•	<b>,</b>
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5. I wish to claim as exempt (keep from beir			
that I use as a residence. I also wish to c			
dependents. I understand that my total in			
\$35,000.00 (\$60,000 if I am 65 years of	age or older and	d I previou	sly owned my property as a tenant by
the entireties or as a join tenant with right	s of survivorsh	ip and my	former co-owner is deceased).
Street Address of Residence			
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	Townsk's	A/o L. YY	high Tay Assessor Identifica December
County Where Property Located	Township	No. by W	hich Tax Assessor Identifies Property

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Legal Description (Attach a copy of your deed or other instrument of conveyance or describe property in as much detail							
as possible. Attach a	dditional sheets if ned	cessary.)		3			
Name(s) of Owner(s) of Record of Residence				stimated Vali ell It For)	ue of Residence (Wha	t You Think You Could	
	(s) and Name(s) and money is owed on the				Current A	Amount Owed	
					\$		
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Location of Burial Pl	ots Claimed				Value of Burial Plo	ts Claimed	
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apparel, appliances, b other words, keep ther personal, family or ho I understand that I am to an additional \$1,00 I further understand that any valid lien or secur (Some examples	m from being taken fousehold use.  entitled to personal possible of the personal possible of the personal I am entitled to the personat I am entitled to the personat I am entitled to the personat I am entitled to the personal pe	property we dependent is amount or purchase	vorth the sun t on me for s after deducted within 90	of personal	0. I understand that I ot to exceed \$4,000.0 value of the property	am also entitled 0 for dependents. the amount of	
Item of Property	Fair Market Value (What You Could Sell It For)	Or S Interes	nt of Lien Security st (Amount in Property)	. ,	of Lienholders(s) m Money is Owed)	Value of Debtor's (Defendant's) Interest (Fair Market Value Less Amount Owed)	
	\$	\$				\$	
	\$	\$				\$	
	\$	\$				\$	
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	\$	\$		<u> </u>		\$	
7. I wish to claim my interest in the following motor vehicle as exempt from the claim of my creditors. I understand that I am entitled to my interest in one motor vehicle worth the sum of \$3,500.00 after deduction of the amount of any valid liens or security interests. I understand that a motor vehicle purchased within 90 days of this proceeding may not be exempt.							
Make and Model Year			Name(s) of Title Owner of Record				
Fair Market Value (What You Could Sell It For) \$			Name(s) of Lienholder(s) or Record (Person(s) to Whom Money is Owed)				
Amount of Liens (Amount Owed)			Value of Debtor's (Defendant's) Interest (Fair Market Value Less Amt. Owed)				

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8. (This item is to claim any of exempt because I claimed residual claim for a residential exemptionly if I made no claim under sunderstand that I am entitled to maximum of \$5,000 in any proyou claim \$30,000.00 under see here.) I further understand that property of the amount of any of this proceeding may not be a	dential real or poon under section (5) above claim any unu operty. (Exampletion (5), \$5,000 to the amount of valid lien or section of the section of section of the section of the section of sec	ersonal pro n (5) above ve or a clair sed amount les: if you co to allowed if my claim u	perty as executive. I unders in that was that I was claim \$34, there; if younder this	tempt that is we tand that I am eless than \$35,0 s permitted to no 2000.00 under so u claim \$35,00 section is after	orth less than \$3 entitled to \$5,000 000.00 under sectionake under section (5), \$1,000 under section (finished) under section from the deduction f	5,000.00 or I made no 0.00 in any property tion (5) above. I on (5) above up to a 0.00 allowed here; if (5), no claim allowed om the value of this
Item Of Personal Property Claimed	Fair Market Value	Amount	of Liens	Name(s) of	Lienholder(s)	Value of Debtor's (Defendant's) Interest
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	\$	\$				\$
	\$	\$				\$
Real Property Claimed (I und forth a Street Address	lerstand that if the following in		for each po	arcel claimed a	s exempt.)	additional pages setting  Could Sell It For)
County Township			No. by Which Tax Assessor Identifies Property			
Description (Attach a copy of y possible Name and Address of Lienhold		er instrum	ent of con	veyance or deso		ty in as much detail as  Current Amount Owed  \$
Name and Address of Lienhold					Current Amount Owed \$	
(Attach additional sheets for m	ore lienholders	)				
9. I wish to claim the following	g item of health	care aid ne	ecessary fo	or 🗵 myself 🔲 r	ny dependents.  Purpose	
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10. I wish to claim the following trade of my dependent. I under						
Item	Estimated Va	lue (What	You Could	Sell It For)	What Business	s or Trade Used In
	\$					
	\$					

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11. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 0. 0. 1. 10.						
11. I wish to claim the following life insurance policies whose sole beneficiaries are my spouse and/or children as exempt						
Name of Insurer	Policy No.	Beneficiary(ies)				
myself or a person upon whom I was annuity, or compensation that I receiv that this compensation is not exempt to the accident or injury that resulted than one amount of compensation exemptors information for each amount of comp	dependent for support, including completed for the death or a person upon who from claims for funeral, legal, medical in the payment of the compensation to empt, I must attach additional pages seensation claimed exempt.					
Amount of Compensation  S	Method of Payment: Lump Sum or Installments (If Installments, State Amount, Frequency and Duration of Payments)					
Landin Same of Campanation	Name of December (2) is its all a little					
Location/Source of Compensation	Name of Person(s) injured or killed giving rise to compensation					
13. I wish to claim as exempt the foll the Internal Revenue Code or that are Revenue Code, including individual resection 408A of the Internal Revenue	owing retirement plans that I have that treated in the same manner as an indivetirement accounts and Roth retirement Code, individual retirement annuities	t are individual retirement plans as described in vidual retirement plan as described in accounts as described in section 408(a) and as described in section 408(b) of the Internal on 408(c) of the Internal Revenue Code.				
Type of Retirement Account	Name of Account	Account Number				
14. I wish to claim as exempt the following funds I hold in a college savings plan that is qualified under section 529 of the Internal Revenue Code, not to exceed \$25,000. I understand that this plan must be used for the child's college expenses. I understand I may not exempt any funds I placed in this account within the preceding 12 months, except to the extent that any contributions were made in the ordinary course of my financial affairs and were consistent with my past pattern of contributions.						
College Savings Plan	Account Number	Name(s) of Child(ren) Beneficiaries				
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other states and governmen	tal units o	llowing retirement benefits to which I a of other states. I understand that these be f the state or governmental unit under w	ene fits are exemp	ot only to the extent these		
State/Governmental Unit		Name of Retirement Plan	Ide	Identifying Number		
received or that I am entitle	d to recei	imony, support, separate maintenance, ove. I understand that these payments are or for the support of a person depender	e exempt only to	the extent that they are		
Type of Support		Person Paying Support	Amount	& Location of Funds		
17. The following is a comparagraphs.	plete listi	ng of all of my assets that I have not cla	nimed as exempt	under any of the preceding		
Item		Location		Estimated Value \$		
				\$		
				\$		
				\$		
18. The following is a com	plete list	of persons or business that have judgme	ents for money ag	gainst me.		
19. I certify that the above	statement	s are true.				
Date			Signature of Ju	dgment Debtor (Defendant)		
<ul> <li>         □ delivering a copy to the judelivering a copy to the judepositing a copy of this creditor (plaintiff) at the leading a copy of this judgment creditor's (plaintiff)</li> </ul>	udgment udgment motion ir address s Motion ir	a post-paid properly addressed wrappe hown on the notice of rights served on a post-paid properly addressed wrappe ttorney at the following address:	er in a U.S. Mail, me. er in a U.S. Mail,	addressed to the		
Date			nent Debtor/Atto	rney for Debtor (Defendant)		
Address and Phone No. of A	ttorney fo	r Debtor (Defendant)				

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